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Subject: Dresden Station Units 2 & 3
Response to IE Bulletin No. 78-01
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249

Reference (a): C. Reed letter to J. G. Keppler dated
February 16, 1978

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Reference (a) transmitted our response to IE Bulletin 78-01 regarding the replacement schedule for contact arm retainers on General Electric CR 120A relays at Dresden Units 2 and 3. This schedule referenced a completion date for replacement of all contact arm retainers by the end of 1979, the end of the next refueling outage on Unit 3.

Due to the additional work load and down time caused by the failure of the Dresden Unit 3 main transformer, this schedule must be revised for both Dresden Units 2 and 3. Unavailability of manpower which is being directed to the transformer repair will prevent the replacement of the contact arm retainers on Dresden Unit 2 during the refueling outage scheduled to begin on March 17, 1979.

The work has been rescheduled to the next refueling outage, currently scheduled for Fall 1980. Because of extended outage time due to the transformer failure, the Dresden Unit 3 refueling outage has been rescheduled from the Fall of 1979 to the Spring of 1980, and the retainer replacements will be made at that time.

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Since the General Electric CR 120A relays do not have a generic over-heating problem, we do not feel that this revision to the replacement schedule for the contact arm retainers will have any significant impact on the health and safety of the public.

Please address any questions you may have on this subject to this office.

Very truly yours,



Cordell Reed
Assistant Vice-President

cc: Director
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